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## INFORMATION PAPER

1. ~~(U)~~ Purpose. To provide information on the status of decisions concerning the OPLAN 40104 (withdrawal from Former Yugoslavia) approval process. Specifically, the next steps on NATO prepositioning -- Step 2.
2. ~~(C)~~ Key Points
  - While NATO supports a diplomatic solution to the crisis in the Former Yugoslavia, withdrawal from Bosnia and/or Croatia remains a real possibility. NATO must take the necessary military measures to prepare for the worst case.
  - On 29 March SACEUR updated the NAC on the status of OPLAN 40104 and the flexibility to respond to an emergency withdrawal. In response, the NAC directed/authorized SACEUR the following:
    - authorized deployment of Minimum Step 2, including:
      - a) Manning and preparations for the deployment of the Tactical Ground Satellite Terminal to Camp Pleso
      - b) Manning and preparations for the deployment of Communications Coordination Detachments to Zagreb, Pleso and Split
  - We presently have a Principals Committee and a Presidential decision to:
    - support the deployment of Minimum Step 2 prepositioning
    - agreed to the assembly and training for Full Step 2 prepositioning
    - consult with Congress on Step 2 prepositioning (consultations completed for both Mini and Full Step 2)
    - require a PC/NAC decision to deploy the Full Step 2 prepositioning forces into the Former Yugoslavia theater of operations.
  - Deployment of Mini Step 2 could occur as early as the week of 17 April.
  - Deployment of Mini Step 2 prepositioning involves approximately 80 communicators into the Former Yugoslavia (approx. 12-15 US in Croatia). Deployment of Full Step 2 involves the deployment of approximately 1526 communicators (approx. 450 US/310 US in Croatia)
  - SACEUR currently requires further NAC approval for assembly, training and deployment of Full Step 2 forces. SACEUR indicated, upon further reflection, he will not likely deploy Full Step 2 until the UN formally requests a NATO-led withdrawal of UNPROFOR.

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## INFORMATION PAPER

1. ~~(U)~~ Purpose. To provide the interagency information on the status of the OPLAN 40104 NATO/US decision timeline approval process.

2. ~~(C)~~ Key Points

- While the NATO alliance fully supports a diplomatic solution to the crisis, the fact remains a withdrawal from Bosnia is still a real possibility.
- On 29 March SACEUR updated the NAC on the status of OPLAN 40104 and the flexibility of the OPLAN to respond to an emergency withdrawal. In response to SACEUR request, the Military Committee forwarded a memorandum recommending directing/authorizing SACEUR the following:
  - be prepared to execute on order from NAC, OPLAN 40104 in full for a withdrawal of UNPROFOR from either B-H or Croatia or both.
  - be prepared to execute on order from NAC, limited operations either in B-H or Croatia or both based on OPLAN 40104
  - \* to request the assembly and training, and the deployment of forces in respect of Step 2 Minimum Measures.
  - \* to request national identification of remaining Step 2 forces
  - \* to request national identification of Military-Civilian Relations, Maritime and Air Forces
  - \* to request identification of Main forces
- \* French broke silence; but finally agreed to deployment of Minimum Step 2.
- France's decision will delay the next step of 40104 by approximately three weeks. An informal MC will meet weekly, to consider national comments to 40104.
- Once NAC approves OPLAN, for emergency withdrawal SACEUR will need:
  - authority to request assembly and training of remaining Step 2 forces
  - authority to request identification, assembly and training for MCR, Maritime and Air Forces
  - authority to request identification, assembly and training for Main forces
- Unlikely further deployment of prepositioning will occur until there is a NATO decision to proceed with the withdrawal. The decision to withdraw is contingent upon a new UNSC resolution and Transfer of Authority of UNPROFOR to NATO.

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